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REMARKS

- 25X1 1. One single-engine, high-wing monoplane, five PO-2 biplanes, five single-engine, low-wing monoplanes with radial engines, and 34 jet fighters with swept-back wings were parked on the Laerz (N 54/U 33) airfield between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on 12 December 1950. [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] The single-engine, low-wing monoplanes and the slow, single-engine, high-wing monoplane were painted gray-green. Individual single-engine, low-wing monoplanes and biplanes made local flights. The sky was slightly cloudy and the visibility about 5 km. Signals were transmitted by means of flags to the planes which were taxiing.
- 25X1 2. Radar sets, radio installations, and lights observed at the field included:
- a. On the roof of the flight control station, a metal rod, about 5 meters high, with wires about 30 cm long, radiating from the top.
 - b. In the southwestern corner of the field, a braced metal mast, approximately 5 meters high, from which an antenna, approximately 20 meters long, led to a wooden hut;
 - c. About 100 meters north of the western section of the runway a braced wooden mast, approximately 8 meters high, from which an antenna, about 20 meters long, led to a wooden hut; (3)
 - d. About 150 meters north of the middle section of the runway, a radio installation of four metal masts, approximately 8 meters high and arranged in a square with a small wooden hut in the center. Each mast was braced at two points. Antennae were seen only between the masts. (4)
 - e. On the western end of the runway, five searchlights, about 1 meter in diameter, which pointed toward the runway. The searchlights were not mounted on bases.
 - f. On the Rechlin (N 54/U 33) airfield, a radar set with eight reflectors and one loop antenna, with an estimated length 1 1/2 meters, fitted on each carrier. The double dipoles fitted on the grids were the same

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length as the loop antenna. The height of the set, up to the center of the reflectors, was about 7 meters and the distance between the two reflector rods about 3 meters. A cable, approximately 3 or 4 cm thick, led from the lower reflector rod to a small wooden hut, which was connected with the nearby radio cabin by an overhead line. (5)

3. A new wooden hangar, approximately 40 meters long, had been erected in the eastern section of the field and three temporary buildings were recently set up in the southern section. (6) Test of the flight control station was a single-engine, low-wing monoplane. The engine of the plane was being removed by means of a mobile crane. Holes, 5 meters square, were dug on the western end of the runway. They were covered with boards and camouflage nets.

4. Two railroad tank cars were at the Ellerholz (N 54/U 33) railroad station on 9 December. Their shipping tickets indicated that the cars came from Volten (N 53/Z 66) and were destined for Unit [redacted] in Laerz. (7)

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5. Trucks [redacted] occupied by women, children, boxes, and baggage, were seen on the road to Roebel (N 54/U 24) on 12 December. (8) Truck [redacted] with a tank trailer was also seen there.

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6. On 12 December, Soviet Air Force Major Nitovshenko (fnu) mentioned, during a conversation in a restaurant that all women and children had to leave Roshlin by 15 January 1951, and that he also would be transferred. (9)

7. Trucks [redacted] jeeps [redacted] and ambulance [redacted] were seen on 10 and 11 December. (8)

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Comments.

- (1) The number of Mi-15s observed does not indicate if the occupation of the field has changed. From previous observations two fighter regiments and one fighter division headquarters are believed to be stationed in Laerz.

- (2) [redacted]

- (3) [redacted]

- (4) The presence of the four-mast radio installation, believed to be an dcoak DF, was previously reported [redacted]

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- (5) The radar set probably belongs to the fighter division headquarters. The set was previously reported [redacted]

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- Another report stated that the set was temporarily removed in October 1950. [redacted]

- (6) The information that a hangar was built is received for the first time, but the construction of temporary buildings was previously reported. [redacted]

- (7) A21 02331 has been repeatedly reported in connection with fuel shipments. It probably belongs to a ground unit of the two fighter regiments.

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- (8) The motor vehicle numbers belong to units stationed in Laerz and Roebel.

- (9) [redacted]

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